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CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION  
(concluded)

1. The CHAIRMAN noted that, at the previous meeting, the Committee had voted upon the preamble and the first eight operative paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.3/L.1501/Rev.1.

*Paragraph 9 (a)*

2. Mrs. AFNAN (Iraq) said that the sixteen sponsors of document A/C.3/L.1502 withdrew paragraph 2 (i), of their amendments which related to paragraph 9 (a) of the draft resolution.

*Paragraph 9 (a) of the draft resolution was adopted by 67 votes to 5, with 10 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 9 (b)*

3. Mrs. AFNAN (Iraq) said that the sixteen Powers wished to make a change in their amendment to paragraph 9 (b) of the draft resolution. They now wished to delete the last four lines of paragraph 9 (b) of the draft resolution except for the words "on Human Rights" and replace them by the words "to determine the participation at the Conference of non-govern-

mental organizations". The sponsors had agreed to insert at that point in the text the following phrase: "with particular emphasis on greater participation of organizations devoting their efforts to the struggle against colonialism, racialism and apartheid", a phrase taken from the Ukrainian sub-amendment (A/C.3/L.1512/Rev.1). The rest of paragraph 2 (ii) of the sixteen-Power amendments, "irrespective of, whether or not they were in consultative status..." remained unchanged.

4. Mr. BEEBY (New Zealand) asked for a separate vote on the phrase "irrespective of, whether or not they were in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council".

*The Committee decided to keep the phrase in question by 42 votes to 41, with 5 abstentions.*

5. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on paragraph 2 (ii) of the sixteen-Power amendments (A/C.3/L.1502), as modified orally by the sponsors.

*At the request of the representative of New Zealand, the vote was taken by roll call.*

*The United Republic of Tanzania, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.*

*In favour:* United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Ceylon, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic.

*Against:* United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining:* Botswana, Burma, Central African Republic, Cyprus, Ghana, Iran, Ivory Coast, Japan, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Niger, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Uganda.

*There were 43 votes in favour, 43 against and 17 abstentions. Paragraph 2 (ii) of the sixteen-Power amendments was not adopted.*

6. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on paragraph 9 (b) of draft resolution A/C.3/L.1501/Rev.1.

*At the request of the representative of Iraq, the vote was taken by roll call.*

*The Netherlands, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.*

*In favour:* Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico.

*Against:* Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco.

*Abstaining:* Niger, Nigeria, Poland, Somalia, Turkey, Uganda, Zambia, Burundi, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Iran, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Nepal.

*Paragraph 9 (b) was adopted by 53 votes to 33, with 18 abstentions.*

#### *Paragraph 10*

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee still had before it two amendments; paragraph 3 of the sixteen-Power amendments (A/C.3/L.1502) and the joint amendments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Kingdom (A/C.3/L.1507/Rev.1). Under rule 131 of the rules of procedure, the Committee should take a decision first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the draft resolution; that would mean the joint amendments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Kingdom.

8. Mr. ABOUL-NASR (United Arab Republic) asked what would become of the sixteen-Power amendment if the joint amendments were adopted.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that in that event the sixteen-Power amendment would not be put to the vote.

10. Mr. SANON (Upper Volta) suggested that it might be simpler to vote first on the sixteen-Power amendment, which merely proposed that the word "President" should be replaced by "General Committee". The Committee could then vote on the joint amendments (A/C.3/L.1507/Rev.1).

11. Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) said that he saw no reason why the Committee should not proceed in that way.

*Paragraph 3 of the sixteen-Power amendments (A/C.3/L.1502) was adopted by 53 votes to 17, with 34 abstentions.*

12. Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and his own country, said that their joint amendments (A/C.3/L.1507/Rev.1) should be modified slightly to take into account the change made in paragraph 10 by the sixteen-Power amendment. The words "with the authorization of the General Committee, circulate through the Secretariat written statements of a general character" would now be replaced by the following: "if the General Committee judges this necessary, make oral statements on documents they may already have circulated through the Secretariat". The proposal to add at the end of the paragraph the sentence "The President may set a time-limit on such statements" remained unchanged.

13. Mr. ABOUL-NASR (United Arab Republic) said that the Committee had just decided, in accordance with the sixteen-Power amendment, to replace the word "President" by "General Committee" and not the word "Conference" by "General Committee". Any decision to the contrary would have to be taken by a two-thirds majority.

14. Mr. FOUM (United Republic of Tanzania) said that he was against the change proposed orally by the United Kingdom representative, as he had been against the joint amendments in their original form (A/C.3/L.1507/Rev.1).

15. Mrs. EMBAREK WARZAZI (Morocco) considered that, having adopted the sixteen-Power amendment, which was now part of the draft resolution, the Committee should vote on the joint amendments in their original form.

16. Mr. FOUM (United Republic of Tanzania) said that the text which the United Kingdom representative had just read was in fact a new amendment. He thought that if any change was to be made to the original amendments, it should be to the words "the Conference" in the phrase "if the Conference judges this necessary".

17. Mr. A. A. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) considered that the change made orally to the joint amendments was a necessary consequence of the adoption of the sixteen-Power amendment.

18. Mr. QUADRI (Argentina) agreed with the representative of Morocco that the Committee should vote on the joint amendments in their original form.

19. Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) and Mr. LUSINGA (Democratic Republic of the Congo) explained that the change to their amendments consisted simply in replacing the words "if the Conference judges this necessary" by "if the General Committee judges this necessary".

20. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the meeting should be suspended.

*The proposal was adopted by 50 votes to 5, with 32 abstentions.*

*The meeting was suspended at 12.40 p.m. and resumed at 12.50 p.m.*

21. Mrs. BRUCE (Secretary of the Committee) read out the revised text of the amendments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Kingdom: "Replace the words 'circulate through the Secretariat written statements of a general character' by the following: 'make oral statements on documents they may already have circulated through the Secretariat'. Add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: 'The President may set a time-limit on such statements'."

*The amendments were rejected by 39 votes to 34, with 16 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 10, as amended, was adopted by 72 votes to 5, with 19 abstentions.*

*Paragraphs 11 and 12 of the draft resolution were adopted unanimously.*

*The draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 70 votes to 7, with 22 abstentions.*

22. Mr. JHA (India) said that when submitting the draft resolution to the plenary Assembly, the Committee should give in an explanatory note the result of the separate vote on the words "irrespective of whether or not they were in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council" in the sixteen-Power amendments because, by deciding to keep

those words, the Committee had expressed an opinion, which must be given due weight.

23. Mr. BEEBY (New Zealand) considered that the result of the separate vote on the phrase in the sixteen-Power amendments should indeed be set out in the report and that should be sufficient. He had, however, no objection to including the view expressed by the representative of India provided it was shown to be the view of certain delegations and not of the Committee or of a majority of the Committee and provided further that the contrary view, which his delegation shared, was also recorded.

24. Mr. FOUM (United Republic of Tanzania) shared the views of the representative of India and considered that the Committee should take into account the opinion expressed by the majority of delegations in the separate vote. He asked for that opinion, or, alternatively, the complete text of the statement by the representative of India, to be included in the report.

25. Mrs. MANTZOULINOS (Greece) said that she would have voted in favour of the amendments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Kingdom as amended orally, if she had been present during the vote.

*The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.*